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Development—Progress Report.

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The last progress report was printed as Council Paper No. 40 of 1947 and was laid on the Table on the 31st October, 1947. Since that date a number of development projects have been proceeding although early in 1948, as a result of advice received from the Secretary of State, schemes to which Government was not committed were suspended.

2. The Secretary of State informed Government that under present circumstances it would not be possible to raise a loan on the London market for development works, that owing to the extreme shortage of construction materials only the most essential schemes should be undertaken and that schemes which were not productive of revenue or of economic benefit to the Colony should be deferred in favour of those which were of benefit or capable of paying for themselves. In consequence of this advice a Committee has been formed to revise the Colony's Development Plans and such revision is now proceeding.

3. In the following paragraphs work which has been carried out during the past 12 months is briefly described under the headings used in the original Development Plan (Council Paper No. 24 of 1946) although some of the items were not specifically included in that Plan.

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

4. *Suva Medical Centre.*—(Item I *a*).* A grant under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act of £186,702 has been made for part of the whole scheme which was estimated to cost £650,000. The grant made is to cover the following:—

Medical School and Students Hostel	£60,000
Nurses Training School and Home	80,000
Extension of Obstretrics Wing	15,000
Out-patients Department	30,000

Sketch plans have been prepared.

5. *Regional and Provincial Hospitals.* (Item I *b*). At Lautoka extensions to the Native Nurses' Hostel and quarters for mechanic and driver have been completed. Work is in progress on the building which contains the administrative section, additional wards, operating theatre and X-ray block and on the conversion of buildings, electrical installations and additions to the children's and surgical wards. Expenditure in 1948 will be about £11,000.

At Wainibokasi the child welfare extension has been completed except for electrical and sanitary installations. Expenditure to September 1948 is about £1,860.

The Samabula dispensary was completed early in 1948 at a cost of £1,330.

At Labasa road construction has been carried out and land acquired for future extensions. Expenditure to date is about £1,000.

6. *Mosquito Control.* (Item I *i*). In Suva an inspection and searching staff of eight has been employed and a gang of labour on drainage work. At Nausori one inspector is employed but no labour force. At Nadi six inspectors and searchers have been continuously employed with oiling gangs and 35 labourers on drainage works under an assistant foreman. Expenditure in 1948 was about £12,000.

7. *T.B. Survey.*—A grant of £28,600 under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act was approved early in 1948 for a survey covering Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission territories. No progress can be made until a mobile X-ray unit and other equipment has been received.

* References in brackets are to the Summary of Proposals on pages 4 and 5 of Council Paper No. 24 of 1946.

EDUCATION.

8. *Nasinu Training College.*—(Item II *a*). Work remains to be done in connexion with the installation of electrical equipment which has been ordered; otherwise construction is complete. Expenditure in 1948, including payments for work done in 1947, will be about £7,000.

9. *Technical Centres.*—(Item II *e*). The centre at Levuka should be functioning before the end of the year. Expenditure in 1948 will be about £3,350.

10. *Primary and other Schools.* (Item II *f* and *g*). Land for the Indian Girls' School in Suva has been acquired for £1,225.

The Vatukoula Fijian School, the Tau Fijian School and the Goldfields School have been taken over by Government.

The Provincial School at Sawani has now been opened as the Adi Cakobau Fijian Girls' School; a model bure has been constructed, buildings overhauled and painted, lighting installed, kitchens and water supply improved and alterations made for a domestic science block.

The consolidation scheme at the Ratu Kadavulevu School at Lodoni for Fijian boys has proceeded. Five dormitories and two staff quarters have been finished and road works done. Work is in progress on six more dormitories, lavatories and ablution blocks. Expenditure in 1948 will be about £14,000.

At the Savu Savu Government School buildings have been improved and a playground completed involving expenditure in 1948 of about £1,390.

AGRICULTURE.

11. *Soil Survey.*—(Item III *a*). A reconnaissance survey estimated to cost £1,130 is being carried out.

12. *Markets.*—(Item III *c*). Markets at Nausori, Sigatoka and Nadi have been completed while the market at Labasa is nearing completion. Expenditure in 1948 will be some £9,250.

A loan of £25,000 to the Suva Town Board has been approved for the Suva market and work is now commencing. The loan will be repayable over a period of 25 years.

13. *Agricultural Stations.*—(Item III *d*). Land has been acquired at Koronivia for the Agricultural Station Southern and clearing, fencing and drainage work has been carried out at an estimated expenditure in 1948 of about £17,000.

TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

14. *Towns and Townships.*—(Item IV *a*). A drainage scheme for Nadi Township estimated to cost £6,000 has been approved; half of this sum will be recovered from the Township Board. Expenditure in 1948 will be about £1,500.

New sub-division roads in Samabula North have been made; expenditure in 1948 will be about £2,600.

In Labasa Township work on two streets is being completed at an estimated cost in 1948 of about £800.

15. *Walu Bay Reclamation.*—(Item IV *e*). Tenders for this work were called and were opened early in October. They are now being considered by Government. Total estimated cost will slightly exceed £82,000 including ancillary works to be carried out by the Public Works Department.

16. *Official Quarters.*—(Item IV *g*). Quarters completed or under construction comprise:—

4	Grade II	Suva
4	Grade III	Suva
1	Grade III	Lautoka
7	Grade IV	Suva
1	Grade VA	Lautoka
1	Bachelor type	Suva
4	Converted	Labasa
4	Converted	Suva

Houses in the country districts have also been purchased and altered. Expenditure in 1948 will be about £33,000.

17. *Police Headquarters.*—(Item IV *i*). At Nasese quarters for 28 married constables are under construction and at Nasova 12 married quarters have been completed. Expenditure in 1948 will be some £8,000.

18. *Country Police Stations.*—(Item IV *j*). At Nausori a police station, officers' quarters and quarters for non-commissioned officers and constables have been completed at a total cost of £16,500. Expenditure in 1948 is approximately £5,000.

19. *Public Works Department Offices, etc.*—(Item IV *m*). New offices for the District Engineer in Suva have been completed at an estimated cost in 1948 of about £1,000.

Thirteen pre-fabricated quarters have been erected at Savu Savu and Waiyevo, Taveuni, at a cost to date of about £3,250.

20. *Suva Bus Station.*—The first part of this project—bus terminal and small traffic office—was completed early in 1948 at a cost of about £2,560. Plans have been prepared for the building in 1949, at a cost of £3,705, of a shelter building, a larger traffic office and lavatories.

WATER SUPPLIES.

21. *Suva.*—(Item V *a*). Work has been carried out on a new main at Samabula North but progress on general improvements is held up pending arrival of pipes and fittings which have been ordered.

22. *Rewa.*—(Item V *b*). The Power House and Pump House are now complete and machinery has been received and installed. Piping for the reticulation is awaited and the reservoir cannot be completed due to lack of steel bars. Expenditure in 1948 about £22,000.

ELECTRIC POWER SCHEMES.

23. *Hydro-Electric Investigations.*—(Item VII *a*). A scheme based on a report by Messrs. Vickerman and Lancaster, Consulting Engineers from New Zealand, was submitted to the Colonial Development Corporation in March 1948. Investigations were carried a stage further when the Corporation sent a Consulting Engineer, Mr. B. Donkin, to the Colony in September to examine the proposals with Mr. Vickerman and to determine the potential demand for power in the south-eastern area of Viti Levu. Expenditure in 1948 will be about £2,000.

24. *Lautoka.*—(Item VII *b*). Construction of a new power house has commenced and the delivery of electrical equipment is expected to begin this year. Expenditure in 1948 will be some £11,000.

25. *Lighting plants for districts.*—Installations have been completed at Sawani, Natabua, Labasa, Nanukuloa and Wainibokasi and one set is being installed at Waiyevo Hospital. Expenditure in 1948 is expected to be approximately £2,000.

PORT AND NAVIGATION FACILITIES.

26. *Suva Slipway.*—(Item VIII *a*). A preliminary survey and design has been referred to consultants in London and detailed drawings are to be put in hand.

27. *Suva Port Accommodation.*—(Item VIII *b*). A special committee has examined the requirements and its report was printed as Council Paper No. 8 of 1948. Quotations for structural steel have been sought.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS.

28. *Automatic Telephone System, Suva.*—(Item IX *a*). A scheme, based on a report by Mr. G. R. Milne of the New Zealand Posts and Telegraphs Department, has been forwarded to consultants in London and their comments have been dealt with; latest estimates indicate that the cost of the scheme may exceed £80,000.

29. *Telephone Exchange, Labasa.*—(Item IX *d*). This has been completed at a cost of about £3,060.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

30. *Feeder Roads.* (Item X *a*). A three mile extension of the present Wainivesi Road to open up a forest area to supply banana case timber has been commenced. The cost is estimated at £8,730 but expenditure in 1948 will probably not exceed £3,730.

The seven-mile road extension from Lodoni has been completed as far as Qoma, the new site for Queen Victoria School. Expenditure in 1948 is about £13,000.

31. *Labasa–Dreketi Road.*—(Item X *c*). Some work on this road was put in hand early in the year but was subsequently held up due to shortage of staff.

32. *Bitumen Surfacing.* (Item X *d*). Work has been carried out on the Lami Road, Prince's Road and in Ba Township. Expenditure in 1948 is about £5,000.

33. *General Improvements.*—Repairs and replacements have been carried out on bridges on the south coast of Vanua Levu. Other works include Nausori Road deviations, and a bridge over the Lomaloma Creek on the Queen's Road. Expenditure in 1948 is about £3,500.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

34. *Geological Survey.* (Item XI). The Secretary of State has approved a free grant of £24,642 for a geological investigation of the whole Colony. A Senior Geologist and a Geologist with subordinate staff will be appointed to carry out the scheme over a three year period. Recurrent expenditure will amount to £12,106 and capital expenditure on passages, equipment, vehicles, houses and offices will be £12,536. Recurrent expenditure on salaries will probably not commence until the necessary offices and quarters have been built.

GENERAL.

35. Nearly all the above works have been carried out from funds allocated in the 1948 Estimates under Head XXX—Public Works Extraordinary or Appendix 9—Advance Account, Development Works.

Attached to this report is a list showing the expenditure incurred against this Advance Account for the period 1945 to the end of 1947; the sum of £366,298 has been transferred as a charge against surplus balances in the 1947 Accounts.

APPENDIX.

DETAILS OF WORKS CHARGED TO DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1947.

1.	Improvements, Nadi Hospital	£1,134
2.	Improvements, Lautoka Hospital	22,401
3.	Tamavua Hospital	67,806
4.	Additional Ward, Colonial War Memorial Hospital	927
5.	Teachers' Training College, Nasinu	30,132
6.	Markets in Country Districts	20,333
7.	Establishment of Agricultural Stations	151
8.	Lautoka Town Development Drainage and new streets	6,446
9.	Labasa Township, New Streets	1,254
10.	Samabula—New Roads	2,083
11.	Suva Foreshore Reclamation	48
12.	Official Quarters, Suva and Country Districts	77,263
13.	Extension Police Headquarters, Suva	6,770
14.	Nausori Police Station	11,506
15.	District Headquarters, Southern District	5,483
16.	New Public Works Department Depot, Sigatoka	3,351
17.	Extension of Joinery, Polishing and Plumber's Workshops—Public Works Department Depot, Lautoka	699
18.	Garage for Lorries—Public Works Department Depot, Lautoka	325
19.	Machine Shop for Mechanical Engineer, Suva	920
20.	Machines and Plant, Mechanical Workshops, Walu Bay	656
21.	New Office for District Engineer, Suva	3,726
22.	Development of Quarries	700
23.	Repairs and Replacements to Stone Crushers, Nasinu and Mau	1,275
24.	Metering—Suva Water Supply	1,452
25.	Rewa Water Supply	28,538
26.	Improvements to Nadi Water Supply	20
27.	Improvements to Vaileka Water Supply	1,999
28.	General Improvements to Suva Water Supply	4,321
29.	General Improvements to District Water Supplies	1,899
30.	Fijian Village Water Supplies	157
31.	Electric Power Schemes—New Plant Lautoka	425
32.	Six Lighting Plants for Country Districts	3,170
33.	Investigation of Hydro-Electric Schemes	864
34.	Concrete Piles and Slab Wall at Lighter Wharf, Lautoka	2,973
35.	Suva Slipway	97
36.	Telephone Exchange, Labasa	2,078
37.	Lodoni–Qoma Road	12,683
38.	Labasa–Dreketi Road 1st Section	4,918
39.	Bitumen Surfacing, Suva and Country Districts	18,212
40.	Census, 1946	9,419
41.	Two Concrete Mixers, Public Works Department, Lautoka	991
42.	Four New Standard Punts	4,339
43.	Two Sea-going Cargo Dumb Barges	104
44.	Three Channel Telephone Carrier Equipment	2,250
		£366,298

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